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SUMMARY: RESPONSIBLE MFA OFFICER (EVERTS) DOUBTS THAT GON WILL BE ABLE SEND REPS TO JULY MTG PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT NEW GOVT' S ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTINUING CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC. EVERTS WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH EMBOFF ON AFGHANISTAN PROJECT AND SAID HE WOULD MAKE EFFORT TO GET GON SUPPORT FOR IT. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH MFA OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATION NARCOTICS MATTERS (EVERTS), INFORMED HIM OF SUBJECT MEETING, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GON WOULD SEND DEL, TOLD HIM THAT US EXPECTED OFFER ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN (SPECIFICS OF FUNDING NOT MENTIONED), AND INDICATED DESIRE TO MEET WITH EVERTS AT LATER DATE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON PROJECT BASED ON MATERIAL TO BE PROVIDED SOON BY DEPT. EVERTS WAS AWARE OF MTG, BUT THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER, WHICH WOULD SUIT GON BETTER. EMBOFF EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT MTG HAD BEEN POSTPONED GIVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECENT ADVICE WE HAD RECEIVED FROM DEPT (REFTEL). EVERTS SAID HE WOULD CHECK FURTHER WITH NETHS PERMREP IN GENEVA AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH EMBOFF CONCERNING JULY MTG. EVERTS WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON PROJECT.

2. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, EVERTS DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR NETHS TO SEND REPS TO A MTG IN JULY BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT NEW GOVT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTINUATION OF CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC. HEALTH MINISTRY, FROM WHOSE FUNDS CURRENT CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC IS MADE, IS DISSATISFIED WITH EFFECT IN PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO UNFDAC AND IS CONSIDERING DISCONTINUING ITS CONTRIBUTION. EVERTS THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT AFGHANISTAN PROJECT MIGHT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALTH MINISTRY TO REDIRECT ITS CONTRIBUTION EITHER DIRECTLY TO AFGHANISTAN OR THROUGH UNFDAC. ENCOURAGED BY EMBOFF TO PURSUE THIS IDEA, EVERTS SAID HE WOULD MAKE APPROACH TO HEALTH MINISTRY ALONG ABOVE LINES, BUT DOUBTED THAT QUESTION WOULD BE RESOLVED EARLY ENOUGH FOR GON TO SEND REPS TO JULY 24-25 MTG WITH CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE.

3. EVERTS SAID THAT IF HEALTH MINISTRY REJECTS HIS PROPOSAL, ONLY OTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR HIM TO PROPOSE THAT GON CONSIDER PROJECT FOR AFGHANISTAN IN FRAMEWORK OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. HE SAID THIS WOULD PRESENT PROBLEM, HOWEVER, AS AFGHANISTAN IS NOT ONE OF GON'S " CONCENTRATION" COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, EVERTS SAID THERE IS PROBLEM IN THAT AN AFGHANISTAN PROJECT-- WHETHER IN CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT AID OR HEALTH MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS-- WOULD BE FIRST INSTANCE OF DIRECT NETHS PARTICIPATION IN A SPECIFIC NARCOTICS PROJECT ABROAD. DECISION TO ENGAGE IN SUCH A PROJECT WOULD NOT BE EASY FOR PRESENT GOVT, EVERTS SAID.

4. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, DEVELOPMENT AID APPROACH HAS LITTLE CHANGE FOR SUCCESS IF EVERTS FAILS IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE HEALTH MINISTRY TO REDIRECT ITS PRESENT UNFDAC CONTRIBUTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, CHANCES OF HEALTH MINISTRY'S ACCEPTING EVERTS' SUGGESTION WOULD BE IMPROVED IF CONTRIBUTION COULD BE FUNNELLED EFFECTIVELY THROUGH UNFDAC RATHER THAN ARRANGED BILATERALLY WITH AFGHANISTAN. ACCORDINGLY WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT INCLUDE IDEAS FOR CONTRIBUTION (PERHAPS EARMARKED FOR SPECIFIC PROJECT IF FEASIBLE) THROUGH UNFDAC IN MATERIAL REFERRED TO IN REFTEL, WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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